



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Oct 22-25	National Recycling Coalition Annual Congress and Expo, R5	Atlanta, GA	http://www.recyclingconference.org Scholarship money is available to all regions.
Oct 30-31	RTOC, Region 9	San Francisco, CA	Hillary Hecht (415) 972-3790 or email Hecht.Hillary@epa.gov
Nov 1-3	14 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	San Francisco, CA	Lela Christensen, 775-574-1000, ext, 245 lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us or visit www.plpt.nsn.us
 Nov. 13-15	11 th Annual Brownfields Conference	Boston, MA	Cynthia Greene, 617-918-1431 or email green.cynthia@epa.gov or visit http://www.brownfields2006.org . This is a free conference

Sponsor: National Congress of American Indians

Oct 1-6	63 rd NCAI Annual Meeting	Sacramento, CA	Jamie Gomez (202) 466-7767 or jgomez@ncai.org
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Sponsor: Arizona Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC)

Oct. 17-18	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA)	Casa Grande, AZ	Dan.Roe@azdema.gov 602-231-6345 or go to http://www.dem.state.az.us/azserc
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Sponsor: Pyramid Lake Paiute and Region 9

Nov 7-9	National Tribal Invasive Species Conference (NTISC)	Sparks, NV	Robin Powell, 775-574-0101, ext. 34 rpowell@plpt.nsn.us Registration deadline extended to October 15.
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Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Feb 26– Mar 1	National RCAP Conference	Long Beach, CA	http://www.rcac.org
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Trainings

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Nov 15-17	2 nd Annual National Training Workshop for Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)	Seattle, WA	http://www.cleanairinfo.com/care
Jan 30-Feb 2*	Tribal Transfer Station Operation Training	Reno, NV	Elizabeth Forsyth, 415-972-3380 forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov

*EPA 9 is partnering with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) to offer course.

EPA Mold Web Course

There is a new learning tool designed to help tribes learn more about preventing and removing mold. This free web course is for environmental and public health professionals. For more information, contact Louise Hill at 415-947-4192 or go to <http://www.epa.gov/mold>

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Oct 2-6	Air Pollution Technology (Tech) (Level 2)	Las Vegas, NV	Lee Anderson, 702-784-8264
Nov. 14-17	Air Monitoring Data Management (Level 3)	Flagstaff, AZ	701-784-8264, http://www.nau.edu/tams/

For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or, call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator: 928-523-.6887

Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)


EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or contact the following Web site: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>. Visit <http://www.netionline.com> for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Oct. 10-12	CER201: Drilling and Monitoring Well Installation	Athens, GA	http://www.netionline.com
Oct 31 – Nov. 2	CST309: Advanced Inspector Training	Lakewood, CO	http://www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Oct 4-5	Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater	Anchorage, AK	http://www.nwetc.org/
Oct 17	Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry	Sacramento, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/
Oct 18-19	Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater	Sacramento, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/

Sponsor: Indian Health Service

 Nov 13-16	Water System Operator Training—Small Water System Operation and Maintenance	Barona Casino, Lakeside, CA	David Robbins, 760-735-6891
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Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Competitive and state mandatory grant applications may now be submitted electronically by going to <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single, authoritative source for finding information on, and applying for, competitive grant opportunities. Grants.gov includes more than \$350 billion in annual grants from 26 Federal agencies. State, local, and tribal governments, colleges and universities, non-profits and other organizations have the access they need through "Grants.gov" to efficiently find grant opportunities in just one convenient online location. All applicants must complete a registration process. Additional information about registering for Grants.gov is found in Federal Register notice: January 17, 2006 (Volume 71, Number 10)

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/> or <http://www.grants.gov>

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program provides some funding for cleanup under their "Methfields" program; For more information to go http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/initiatives_co.htm#meth or call Nuria Muniz 415 972-3811 For a brochure on EPA's methfields funding go to http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/methlab_brochure.pdf



Design Competition for Sustainability

EPA requests applications for the 4th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity, and the Planet. This competition supports teams of college students to research, develop, and design solutions to challenges to sustainability. Areas of interest include: Energy, Agriculture, the Built Environment, Water, Materials and Chemicals and Information Technology. Approximately \$1,250,000 total for all awards is expected to be available and up to 60 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 21, 2006. For more information, contact Tom Barnwell at: barnwell.thomas@epa.gov or go to http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_p3_4thannual.html.



Graduate Fellowships Science to Achieve Results (STAR)

EPA's Office of Research and Development is now requesting proposals for STAR Graduate Fellowships for master's and doctoral-level students in environmental fields of study. There are 18 areas of interest identified including, but not limited to: Atmospheric Sciences, Environmental Economics, Urban/Regional Planning, and Environmental Decision Making. ORD expects to award approximately 65 fellowships totaling \$5.9 million. Responses are due November 28, 2006. For more information, contact Stephanie Willett at 202-343-9737 or visit http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_fellow.html.



Greater Research Opportunities (GRO)

EPA's Office of Research and Development is also requesting proposals for GRO Graduate Fellowships for master's and doctoral-level students in environmental fields of study. There are 18 areas of interest identified including, but not limited to: Atmospheric Sciences, Environmental Economics, Urban/Regional Planning, and Environmental Decision Making. ORD expects to award approximately 15 fellowships totaling \$1.4M. Responses are due November 28, 2006. For more information, contact Stephanie Willett at 202-343-9737 or visit http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_fellow.html.



Undergraduate Fellowships for the Environment

EPA's Office of Research and Development requests proposals for Undergraduate Fellowships for bachelor level students in environmental fields of study. Seven areas of interest identified include, but are not limited to, Environmental Science and Economics. ORD expects to award 15 fellowships totaling \$622K. Responses are due November 29, 2006. For more information, contact Georgette Boddie at boddie.georgette@epa.gov or go to http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_gro_undergrad.html.



Clean School Bus USA

EPA requests proposals for Clean School Bus USA, for retrofit and/or replacement projects that reduce pollution from school buses within the Region 8 states which include MT, CO, UT, WY, ND and SD. \$415K is expected to be available and up to ten awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 30, 2006. For more information, contact Jeffrey Kimes at kimes.jeffrey@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=10883>.



Clean Air Act Funding

The Region 9 Air Division will be sending out a Request for Proposals to tribes in mid-to-late October, 2006. Detailed information to all Region 9 tribes will be mailed and also posted on the R9 website. Approximately \$2.5 million will be available for awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$400,000, to provide funding to support tribal air quality assessment and to develop tribal air program capacity. The time period of the grants will be October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 (FY08). Contacts: Roy Ford at ford.roy@epa.gov or (415) 972-3997; Sara Bartholomew at bartholomew.sara@epa.gov or (415) 947-4100.

Applicants Sought for \$19 million in Watershed Grants

EPA plans to award up to \$19 million in grants to help clean up and restore the nation's waterways. Proposals must reach EPA by October 16, 2006, for capacity-building grants and November 15, 2006, for project-implementation grants. Capacity-building grants provide for education and training, whereas implementation grants involve actions such as protection and preservation. For more information, including submission information, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/> or contact Carol Peterson at 202-566-1304 or initiative.watershed@epa.gov.

Sources, Composition, and Health Effects of Coarse Particulate Matter

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing studies of thoracic coarse particulate matter (PM_{10-2.5}); its sources, composition, variability and health effects. This grant is aimed at tribal air programs, colleges or health providers. The closing date for proposal submittals is 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time, October 12, 2006. For more information to go: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_coarse_pm.html or contact Tom Barnwell 202-343-9862; email: barnwell.thomas@epa.gov)

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

Tribal representatives of a nonprofit organization may apply for a grant to address local environmental hazards through community partnerships. The EJSG Program is a multi-statute program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Deadline for applications is October 23, 2006. For more information go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10091>

U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

RCDI requests applications from qualified intermediary organizations to provide financial and technical assistance to recipient organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake rural projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. \$6 million is expected to be available and the award range is from \$50K to \$399K. Responses are due October 10, 2006. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10294>

Water Infrastructure Funding

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3M is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. Click on the state office link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm>. California tribes may also call Dave Hartwell at (503) 792-5817.

Other Funding Sources



Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

U.S. Department of Treasury requests applications for the CDFI Fund. The Fund provides financial and technical assistance to community-based organizations, known as community development financial institutions, that provide financing and related services to communities and populations that lack access to credit, capital and financial services. CDFI supports economic development, affordable housing and community development financial services. \$26 million is expected to be available and 75 awards anticipated. Responses are due November 14, 2006. For more information, contact cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov or go to http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7.



New England Environmental Fund

The New England Grassroots Environment Fund's Boston Grants Initiative seeks to increase engagement and citizen participation on environmental health, environmental justice, and greenspace issues in greater Boston. Applicants must be working on these types of initiatives at a grassroots level in Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, or Somerville. Grant range \$500 to \$10K. Responses are due October 15, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.grassrootsfund.org/boston/guide.html>.

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta

System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Specialist, Torres Martinez

This position conducts required environmental tests, evaluates results, makes recommendations as necessary for maintaining compliance with regulatory agencies; performs inspections and investigations; provides technical consultations and assistance; and maintains environmental data and documents for Tribal Environmental Regulations. Applicant must be proficient in the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods. For detailed information, call: 760-397-0300. Submit resume and cover letter to ccross@tmtanf.org or Human Resources, TMDCI, P.O. Box 1160, Thermal, CA 92274. TMDCI offers competitive salaries, a generous benefit package including 401k, health insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, and more.



Pesticide Specialist, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation has an opening for a pesticide specialist to administer all aspects of the pesticide program in consultation with the Division Manager of Environmental Protection. A Bachelors Degree in one of the earth sciences and one year of work experience is required. For more information call Rich Janssen at 406-675-2700, ext. 7260 or email richj@cskt.org or go to www.cskt.org Deadline is Friday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Hydrologist – Non-Point Source Coordinator

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, MT has an opening in their Natural Resource Department. For more information, contact Rich Janssen at 406-675-2700, ext. 7260 or email: julianat@cskt.org

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain opened until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Environmental Assistant

The Resighini Rancheria has an opening for an environmental assistant. This is a full time position and salary is dependent on experience. For more information, please contact Phil Smith, 707-482-3413 or email psmith@resighini.us Required Special Qualifications: Valid Class C California State Driver's license. A reliable vehicle is required and a willingness to use said vehicle on the job according to the Tribe's Vehicle Policy.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

The Cabazon Environmental Department has an opening in the Air Quality Program. The person will be responsible for conducting, monitoring and testing activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance.

For more information, contact Jim Bullard, Cabazon Human Resources Department at jbullard@cabazonindians-nsn.gov or call 760-342-2593 ext. 84879.

Senior Planner

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for a Senior Planner. This candidate will perform a variety of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills. If interested in this position please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

Miscellaneous Items



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Federal Agencies and the state of Nevada (NV)

The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (Alvin Moyle, Chair) will sign an MOU for Collaboration at the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, October 24 in Elko, NV. Other signatories to the MOU include the NDEP, USDA-NRCS, NV ACD, NV State Conservation Commission, NV Division of Conservation Districts and U. S. EPA, R9 (Alexis Strauss). The purpose and intent of the MOU is to foster and strengthen agency collaboration and cooperation to advance the protection and stewardship of NV's watersheds and the economic sustainability of its working lands.



Review of New Sources and Modifications in Indian Country

On August 9, 2006, EPA proposed a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that would implement New Source Review (NSR) requirements in areas under tribal jurisdiction. In these areas, often referred to as Indian country, new or modified small industrial facilities and large industrial facilities in areas not meeting national clean air standards would be subject to air permitting requirements. For more details and a fact sheet, go to: EPA website: <http://epa.gov/nsr/actions.html>. Deadline for commenting on this proposed rule is early November. EPA is conducting outreach nationally and regionally on these proposed rules. For general information about this proposed rule, contact Raj Rao of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at 919-541-5344, rao.raj@epa.gov, or Jessica Montanez at 919-541-3407, montanez.jessica@epa.gov.

Tribal Based Environmental Protection (TBEP)

The TBEP group, made up of the five tribes in Maine, has a Web site for lead awareness that is of interest. To access this Web site, go to <http://www.tbep.net>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Pesticide Subcommittee Meeting

The first meeting of the new Region 9 RTOC Pesticide Sub-Committee was held on August 3, 2006. Participating tribes described their pesticide concerns and asked questions regarding the kinds of support the EPA Pesticide Office can provide. At the end of the discussion, the tribes and EPA agreed that another Pesticide Sub-Committee meeting will be held at the Region 9 RTOC meeting scheduled for October 31. At that time, Region 9 will briefly explain EPA's Pesticide Program and the various kinds of outreach and education materials that are available. The tribal contact is Robin Powell at Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The EPA Region 9 contact is Pam Cooper who can be reached at 415-947-4217.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

2006 "Tribal Water Quality Accomplishments" booklet now available

The Water Division, Tribal Office, with the help of Region 9 tribes, created a booklet which highlights the accomplishments of tribal water pollution control programs in the Pacific Southwest. Please visit our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html>, and click on the "NEW Tribal Accomplishments 2006" link under the "Water Pollution Control Program" section. If you have any questions/comments regarding this publication, contact Jared Vollmer at 415-972-3447, or email at vollmer.jared@epa.gov.

Internet system gives access to soil survey information

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA

has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

EPA Guidelines and General Guidance

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>
<http://www.nativeseeds.org/v2/default.php>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
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